# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



### FISCAL NOTE

HB 383 - SB 326

March 14, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Entitles assistant district attorney generals (ADA) to receive up to 12 year-for-year service credits for prior experience as a criminal investigator for a law enforcement agency.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures – \$964,400/FY21-22
Exceeds \$964,400/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

#### Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation specifies that a criminal investigator for a law enforcement agency includes full-time employment with a law enforcement agency during which the employee performed duties typically performed by law enforcement personnel, including exercising arrest powers.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-226, ADAs receive step raises outlined in statute; therefore, this analysis estimates the impact of hiring such positions in FY21-22 and estimates the impact of any subsequent year to exceed the impact of FY21-22.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, there are currently 400 full-time ADAs that have not reached the maximum step raise outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-226.
- This analysis estimates 13 percent, or 52 (400 x 13%), of ADAs have an average of five years of eligible experience as a criminal investigator for a law enforcement agency.
- The average ADA step increase is \$3,181 per year.
- The proposed legislation will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 estimated to be \$964,444 {[(\$3,181 x 5 credit years) + \$2,642 benefits] x 52}.
- The proposed legislation will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 and subsequent fiscal years estimated to exceed \$964,444.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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